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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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RESERVE FUNDS.....\$15,000,000
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J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 15th October, 1908. [24]

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CAPITAL PAID UP.....GOLD \$3,500,000
ABOUT MEX \$7,222,222
RESERVE FUND.....GOLD \$3,500,000
ABOUT MEX \$7,222,222

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W. M. ANDERSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, 8th April, 1908. [25]

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
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RESERVE FUND.....£1,200,000
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On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per Cent.
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JOHN ARMSTRONG,
Manager.
Hongkong, 13th May, 1908. [29]

NEDELANDSCHE HANDELS-MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(Netherlands Trading Society.)
ESTABLISHED 1834.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....Fl. 45,000,000 (23,750,000).
RESERVE FUND.....Fl. 5,752,884.84 (about £479,407).

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Do, 6 do, 4 do.
Do, 3 do, 3 1/2 do.
J. L. VAN HOUTEN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 16th July 1908. [3]

Banks.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....Yen 24,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS....." 15,100,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies:
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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 3 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.
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For 12 months.....2 1/2 per Cent.
" 6 ".....2 " "
" 3 ".....1 1/2 " "

TAKKO TAKAMICHI,
Manager.
Hongkong, 12th September, 1908. [23]

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INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 4 1/2 per Cent. per annum.
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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. [1]

DEUTSCH ASIATISCHER BANK.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....Sh. Tael. 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

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A. KOHN,
Manager.
Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. [30]

Intimations.

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Do not ponder over the offer.
Call and see with your own eyes and you will be satisfied.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1908. [613]

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LESSONS in Violin, Mandoline and Guitar at pupil's residence.
Evening engagements for Dances and Concerts.
Apply to—
E. J. LOPES,
C/o Hongkong Telegraph Office,
Hongkong, 9th March, 1908. [308]

Mails.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STREAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS
LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	SICILIA Capt. C. H. Watkins, R.N.R.	30th Dec.	{ Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NYANZA Capt. H. S. Bradshaw	About 2nd Jan.	{ Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	DELHI Capt. J. P. Andrews, R.N.R.	8th Jan.	{ Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c., via usual Ports	ASSAYE Capt. C. L. Daniel	Noon, 9th Jan.	{ See Special Advertisement.

For Further Particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1908. [7]

Intimations.

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AXMINSTER PARQUET CARPETS.
Woven in one piece without seam
Exclusive Designs.
SUITABLE FOR DRAWING AND DINING ROOMS.
AXMINSTER, WILTON & BRUSSELS CARPETS.
Select Patterns. Made any size.

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WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
15, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1908. [40]

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FIRST CLASS PRIVATE HOTEL—Newly Opened and Furnished Suites or Single Rooms, Private Baths, Modern Sanitary Fittings, Electric Light, Up-to-date Appointments, Renowned Cuisine, Dark Room for Photographers. Charges Moderate.

HENRY LUTZ,
MANAGER.
Hongkong, 16th July, 1908. [74]

HOTEL CRAIGIEBURN,

PLUNKET'S GAR, the PRAX, near the TRAM TERMINUS Tel. 66
For Terms, &c., apply to the
MANAGER.
Hongkong, 2nd July, 1908. [1]

Shipping—Steamers

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF
THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND
THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.
S.S. "HONAM" 2,363 Tons, "FATSHAN" 2,260 Tons, "KINSHAN" 1,995 Tons, "HEUNGSHAN" 1,998 Tons.
Departures from HONGKONG to CANTON daily at 8 A.M. (Sunday excepted), 10 P.M. (Saturday excepted).
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These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin Accommodation.

SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.
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Departures from Hongkong to Macao on week days at 8 A.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf and at 2 P.M. from the Company's Wharf.
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Commencing on and after the 1st January next, both Macao Steamers will use the WING LOK WHARF.

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S.S. "HOI SANG".
Departures from MACAO to CANTON on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9 P.M.
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JOINT SERVICE OF
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On SUNDAY, 3rd January.
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Departure from Macao at 5 P.M.
Popular Excursion Rates as usual.
Machado's String Band will play selections of Music during the trip.
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Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the—
HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LD.,
HOTEL MANSIONS, (FIRST FLOOR),
opposite the Hongkong Hotel. [6]

Hotels.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

FIRST CLASS AND UP-TO-DATE.
Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.
Hongkong, 21st June, 1907. A. F. DAVIES, Manager. [3]

FOR

LUXURY AND COMFORT,
FRESHNESS AND EXCELLENT
CUISINE,

STAY AT—
THE GRAND CARLTON HOTEL.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1908. [790]

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(LATE CONNAUGHT HOTEL.)
QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

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Mails.

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IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

FOR STEAMERS TO SAIL

KUDAT and SANDAKAN..... { "BORNEO" } THURSDAY,
Capt. F. Sembill 8 A.M. 31st DecemberMANILA, YAP, FRIEDRICH
WILHELMSHAFEN, SIMPSON,
HAFEN, SAMARAI, SYDNEY
MELBOURNE { "PRINZ WALDEMAR" } THURSDAY,
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For further Particulars, apply to

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELCHERS & CO.,

GENERAL AGENTS, HONGKONG & CHINA.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1908.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO and FROM EUROPE via SUEZ CANAL,
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FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL ON

SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, SYDNEY Rebutat 4th Jan. '09, P.M.
MARSEILLES, VIA PORTS ERNEST SIMONS Girard 5th Jan. '09, at 1 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA POLYNESIE Broc 18th Jan. '09, P.M.
MARSEILLES, VIA PORTS TOMKIN Charbonnel 19th Jan. '09, at 1 P.M.Transhipment on the Co's Steamers at Singapore for Batavia; at Colombo for Calcutta,
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Interpreters meet passengers at their arrival in Marseilles.

For further particulars, apply to

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ACTING AGENT,

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Hongkong, 24th December, 1908.

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REGULAR THREE-WEEKLY SERVICE
BETWEEN
JAVA, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave for	On or about
TJIPANAS	SHANGHAI	2nd half Dec.	JAVA	2nd half Dec.
TJIMAH	JAVA	1st half Jan.	SHANGHAI	1st half Jan.
TJILIWONG	JAPAN	1st half Jan.	JAVA	1st half Jan.
TJIKINI	JAVA	2nd half Jan.	JAPAN	2nd half Jan.
TJILATJAP	JAVA	1st half Feb.	SHANGHAI	1st half Feb.
TJIBODAS	JAVA	—	JAPAN	—

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have Accommodation for
a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherland India Ports
on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Telephone No. 375.

YORK BUILDINGS, 1st floor,
Hongkong, 14th December, 1908.WEST RIVER BRITISH STEAMSHIP
COMPANIES.

HONGKONG-WUHOH LINE.

THE Steamers

"LINTAN" and "SAN-UI"

SAIL FROM HONGKONG TWICE A WEEK AND COMPLETE THE ROUND TRIP IN 4 DAYS.
These Steamers have Excellent Saloon Accommodation, and are Lighted Throughout by
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VERY FINE AND EXHILIRATING.

For further information apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

AGENTS,
WEST RIVER BRITISH S.S. COMPANIES

Sailing 24th March, 1909.

Intimation.

THE YOKOHAMA DOCK CO., LTD.

No. 1 DOCK.

Length inside 514 ft. Width of
entrance, top 95 ft.; bottom 75 ft.
Water on blocks, 37.5 ft. Time to
pump out, 4 hours.

No. 2 DOCK.

Length inside, 375 ft. Width of
entrance, top 80.5 ft. bottom 45.8
ft. Water on blocks, 36.5 ft. Time
to pump out, 3 hours.THESE DOCKS are conveniently situated in Yokohama harbour and the attention of
Captains and Engineers is respectfully called to the advantages offered for Docking
and repairing Vessels and Machinery of every description.The plant and tools are of recent patterns for dealing quickly and cheaply with work
and a large stock of material is always at hand, (plates and angles all being tested by
Lloyds' surveyors).Two powerful Twin Screw Tugs are available for taking Vessels in or out of
Dock, and for taking Sailing Vessels in or out of the bay. The floating derrick is capable
of lifting 25 tons.Steam Launches of Steel or Wood, Lighters, Steel Buildings and Roofs, Bridge
Work, and all kinds of Machinery are made on the premises.Tenders will be made up when required and the workmanship and material will be
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of any port in the world.

Telephone: Nos. 876, 506, or 681.

Telegrams, "Dock, Yokohama," Codos A. B. G. 4th and 5th Edt.

Liebers, Scotts, A. I. and Watkins.

Yokohama, May 23rd, 1905.

Shipping—Steamers.

MESSAGERIES CANTONAISES.

FRENCH LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN HONGKONG, CANTON AND
KOUANG-SI.

S.S. "PAUL BEAD," 1,900 tons, 14 knots.

S.S. "CHARLES HARDOUIN," 1,900 tons, 14 knots.

The speediest, most luxuriously appointed and punctual steamers on the line
Departure from Hongkong at 10 P.M. (Saturdays excepted).
Departure from Canton at 5.15 P.M. (Sundays excepted).These super steamers carry in the French Mail are fitted throughout with Electric Light
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or to their Agents

BARRETTO & CO., Hongkong.

Hongkong, 9th October, 1908.

Intimations.

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TONIC, RESTORATIVE, DIGESTIVE WINE
Very palatable.Known throughout the world and prescribed in all cases of
Anemia, Debility and Convalescence, to young women, children
and the aged. Invaluable in hot climates.

DOSE: One wine-glass after the two principal meals.

Each bottle of genuine VIN SAINT-RAPHAEL bears, in addition
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(2) A METAL SEAL advertising CLETEAS.CLETEAS is a MELISSA and MINT cordial
which surpasses all others by its
purity and faultless preparation. To be taken on a lump of sugar.
COMPAGNIE du VIN SAINT-RAPHAEL, Valençay (Drôme-France).
CALDERON MACBERRY & Co., Hongkong.

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN
CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of
Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind
patronage and support, and desires to state
that she will be pleased to receive orders for
all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Collars
and Cuffs re-stitched on old ones.Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Children's
Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery.
Materials can be supplied, if required.The Superiores will also be most grateful
for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made
into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools
who are taught by the Sisters

Hongkong, 22nd April 1908

Dentistry.

TSIN TING.

LATEST METHODS OF DENTISTRY.

STUDIO at No. 14, D'ARQUER STREET.

REASONABLE FEE.

Consultation Free.

Hongkong, 20th June, 1904.

Dr. M. H. CHAUN,

THE LATEST METHOD

of the

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY

15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,

From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1901.

THE SOUTH MANCHURIAN
RAILWAY.

TRADE OF TAIREN AND NEWCHANG.

Mr. Nonomura, a Director of the South
Manchurian Railway Company, in an inter-
view, is reported to have made the following
remarks:—"Of the various branches of business under-
taken by the company it is the railway and the
Fushun coal mine which yield the largest
profit. Some of the other enterprises can barely
make both ends meet, while others are un-
dertaken at a considerable loss to the company.
The company, however, is prepared for this,
and herein lies the reason why the company is
regarded generally with so much importance.
For instance, the regular steamship line
between Tairen and Shanghai is run at an
annual loss of more than ¥100,000 to the com-
pany. We are so anxious to develop Man-
churia that we are willing to sacrifice immediate
gain for the sake of future good and our efforts
are slowly but steadily bearing fruit. The same
may be said of the hotels run by the company.
Unless there be decent hotel accommodation
no travellers will be attracted to Manchuria,
in the interior also the company is doing
much towards the development of the towns.
This year the company has laid out a sum of
¥350,000 on the construction of roads at
Fiehling, Liaoyang, Kaiping, and other places,
and gradual extensions of similar improvement
will be carried out. Schools and hospitals are
now being built at Fiehling, Chungchun, Muk-
den, etc., under the control of the company.
The present Japanese population in these
places numbers 35,000, an increase of 2,000
compared with the end of March last."The construction of the Chuangchun-Kirin
Railway will be commenced next year as soon
as the cold season is over. When this line is
completed it is expected that the value of mer-
chandise imported to and exported from the
Sungari regions will increase to several times
the present amount. At present the value of
imports to Kirin does not exceed six million
yen annually, the principal goods being cotton
fabrics, salt, sugar, kerosene, etc. Exports in-
clude tobacco, hemp, cereals, etc., the total
value being roughly estimated at ¥4,500,000.
The financial condition of the Antung-Muk-
den Railway is, on the whole, satisfactory,
though it has not yet been placed on a
self-supporting basis. The daily average
receipts at present are returned at ¥1,200,
compared with a daily revenue at the corre-
sponding period last year of only ¥650. The
quantity of goods carried over the line is in-
creasing and its future prospects are encourag-
ing. Last year the railway sustained a loss of
¥500,000, but this year's deficit will be no
more than ¥200,000."Continuing, Mr. Nonomura referred to the
relative trading importance of Tairen and New-
chwang. The latter, as the oldest trading port
in Manchuria, is equipped with the necessary
commercial machinery and is superior to Tairen
in some respects. But Tairen has of late years
been making much progress. Such influential
firms as the Mitsui Bussan and the Okuragumi
are now represented in the port. The total value
of exports from Newchwang in 1907 amounted to
¥29,498,000 and that of imports to ¥35,197,000,
a total of ¥64,695,000. The exports and im-
ports of Tairen, on the other hand, amounted
to ¥15,476,000 and ¥29,473,000 respectively, a
total trade of ¥44,949,000. So that Tairen's
trade for 1907 was ¥19,747,000 less than that
of Newchwang. The trade of Tairen, however,
is making rapid progress. The total value of
imports and exports at the port for the first half
of this year had reached over 37 million yen.
The principal articles of export are beans,
bean-cake, drugs, etc., while those of import
comprise cotton yarn, cotton fabrics, flour,
kerosene oil, cigarettes, rice, and timber. A
keen competition is going on in the tobacco
and cigarette trade, the lines competing being
Japanese, American, British, Egyptian, and
Russian. The sale of Japanese tobacco and
cigarettes in South Manchuria amounts to
¥1,500,000 or ¥1,000,000 in value. Re-
garding flour, the American product
claims the lion's share of attention, while
in cotton fabrics American, British, and
Japanese share nearly equally. In cotton
yarn the Indian article dominates the market,
the amount of its import being something like
twenty times that of Japanese yarn. Re-
garding kerosene oil, the market is monopolised
by the Standard Oil Company. An analysis
of these trade returns, says Mr. Nonomura, will
reveal the interesting fact that the principle of
the open-door and equal opportunity in South
Manchuria is in actual operation.In conclusion, Mr. Nonomura touches
on the condition of the Fushun coal-trade.
The demand for Fushun coal in the in-
terior is fast increasing. The company is
now engaged in a trial sale of coal at
Cheloo and other southern districts. Hitherto
the railway freight between Chungchun and
Harbin had been ¥4 per ton, but it was reduced
to ¥3.10 in the middle of November, with the
result that the demand for Fushun coal for in-
dustrial purposes at Harbin and neighbourhood
is increasing, and the company is already in
receipt of some large orders. This circum-
stance, together with the prospective opening-
up of the market in Korea and South China,
makes the future of the company's coal indus-
try very promising.—Japan Chronicle.GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,
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Hongkong, 12th August, 1904.

WEATHER FORECAST AND
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METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the
mast in front of the Water Police Station at
Tsim Sha Tsui for the information of masters
of vessels leaving the port. They do not
necessarily imply that bad weather is expected
here:—

- Signal No.
1. A CONE point upwards indicates a Typhoon to the North of the Colony.
 2. A CONE point upwards and L.U.M. below indicates a Typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.
 3. A DRUM indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.
 4. A CONE point downwards and DRUM below indicates a Typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.
 5. A CONE point downwards indicates a Typhoon to the South of the Colony.
 6. A CONE point downwards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.
 7. A BALL indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.
 8. A CONE point upwards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is
believed to be more than 300 miles away from
the Colony.Black Signal indicate that the centre is
believed to be less than 300 miles away from
the Colony.The above signals will, as heretofore, be
hoisted only when typhoons exist in such
positions or are moving in such directions that
information regarding them is considered to
be of importance to the Colony or to shipping
leaving the harbour.These signals are repeated at the Harbour
Office, H.M.S. Tamar, Green Island Signal
Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company at Kowloon.

URGENT SIGNAL.

In addition to the above, when it is expected
that the wind may increase to full typhoon
force at any moment, the following Urgent
Signal will be made: at the Water Police
Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office:—THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS, AT INTERVALS
OF TEN SECONDS.A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same
time, superior to the other signal.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

The following Night Signals will be exhibi-
ted from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water
Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office
Flagstaff, and H.M.S. Tamar.I. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green Green,
indicates that a typhoon is believed to be
situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.II. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green,
indicates that a typhoon is believed to be
situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.III. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red,
indicates that the wind may be expected to
increase to full typhoon force at any moment.No. III. Signal will be accompanied by the
Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the
information conveyed by this signal being first
published by night.These Night Signals will be substituted the
Day Signals at sunset, and will, when
necessary, be altered during the night.

SUPPLEMENTARY WARNINGS.

For the benefit of Native Craft and passing
Ocean Vessels, a Cone will be exhibited at
each of the following stations during the time
that any of the above Day Signals are hoisted
in the Harbour.

Gap Rock	Abandon
Waglan	San Ki Wan
Stanley	Sai Kung
Cape Collinson	Sai Tau Koi
	Tai Po

This will indicate that there is a depression
somewhere in the China Sea, and that a Storm
Warning is hoisted in the Harbour.Further details can always be given to Ocean
Vessels, on demand, by signal from the Light
houses.T. G. Field,
Director.

20th July, 1908.

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"Hereafter both sides of the Tigris thickly occupied by arid desolation."

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No Time Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned and
undersigned.
DAVID SASSOON & Co. LHM
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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1908

STRAITS OPIUM REPORT.

The following leading article is reproduced
from the *Singapore Free Press* of 24th inst.—
While it is borne in mind that practically half
of the Colony's revenue may be involved in the
particular policy that may be adopted by the
Home Government in its defence to the anti-
opium agitation in England the public of this
Colony cannot be too vigilant in observing the
attitude of the Colonial Office so far as that per-
tains to itself to be made known. It is understood
that it was telegraphed home just the other day
that it was believed in this Colony that the
struggle withholding of permission to publish
the Report of the Straits Opium Commission
could only be explained on some unknown
political grounds, as to which the suppression of
the findings of the Commissioners, until it suited
the purposes of the Home Government, seemed
indispensable. It is a satisfactory fact to see
that the Home Government has refrained
from stooping so low as to gratify the agitators
at home who clamoured for action in anticipa-
tion of the report of the Straits Opium Com-
mission and of the International Opium Con-
ference to be held at Shanghai early in February.
Objections as the present Government are to
non-fidelling, the scandal would have been too
notorious if consent had been given to the
claim of the anti-opium agitators to have
forfeited the deliberative findings of the
Commission and the Conference by hasty
action whose main motive was to urge the
Government to refuse to wait for informationand act in ignorance lest the information so
gained should stultify that action. Whether
knavery or folly predominates in the im-
pudent attempt of the agitation as ex-
pressed by the clique of members of Parlia-
ment who stand for it to bluff the Government
into unconsidered action, we may leave to
impartial observation to decide. Reuter now
tells us that it is unlikely that any final step
will be taken in reference to the Straits Opium
Commission's Report until the conclusion of
the Shanghai Conference. This appears to be
reasonable, almost more reasonable than the
servility of the Government to the agitation
would have led us to expect. But still we have
no guidance as yet from the now completed
Report of the Opium Commission of the Straits
Settlements. In accordance with the views
expressed in this journal it has been telegraphed
home that the belief in Singapore is that the
delay in giving permission for the publication
of the Report is due to political considerations.
Reuter to-day has been instructed to say that
"the suggestion that the publication of the
Straits Opium Commission Report has been
delayed for political reasons is unfounded."
That is a disclaimer that is obviously worthless.
The object is evidently to prevent the public of
the Straits from learning what the Commission
has reported on a matter affecting half of our
revenue until some tactical condition in London
has been satisfied to the detriment of the wel-
fare of this Colony. As regards publication
in London there is no matter of etiquette at
stake at all. The Secretary of State is in pos-
session of the Report, and therefore the Gov-
ernment is technically informed of the tenor
of the Report. As we have already declared it
is not Parliamentary Commission but a
departmental Commission, and the end and
object of that Commission is fully satisfied.
The Report in full has reached the
Secretary of State. On no possible grounds
is it defensible for the Secretary of State to
withhold sanction for the publication of the
Report simply because a sufficient edition
for distribution to both Houses of Parlia-
ment has so far been beyond the resources
of the Government Printing Office in Singa-
pore. Whether the Houses of Parliament
have the Report or not at any particular
date is no concern of this Colony. And
it is an injury to the interests of this Colony,
as it is to those of Hongkong, wantonly to
suppress publication of a Report so im-
mediately bound up with the interests of the
Straits Settlements. If there had been an
honest reason the Home Government would
have "only been too glad to proclaim it." No
fair-minded man can by any ingenuity discover
an excuse for so unwarrantable a burking of
the publication of a document so vital to the
existence of this Colony. We are courteously
informed by the Hon'ble the Colonial Secre-
tary that instructions were received yesterday
that copies of the report and the Appendices
(Vols. I and II) are to be printed off in Singa-
pore and despatched to London. The ponderous
Volume II which contains the evidence is
apparently not to be reprinted either here
or in London, and so for that section of
the Report there will only be available what
copies are in print in Singapore. We sup-
pose that 670 copies will be wanted for the
House of Commons, 616 for the House of
Lords and say 500 more for Foreign and
Colonial Government, for public and Department
libraries, and for other authorities having a
claim to such information. Say at least about
1,800 copies, or if there is to be any supply to
some small section of the interested public,
about 2,000 in all. Now these reports and ap-
pendices will take some time to prepare. Then
the time must be allowed for the shipping of these
home to England, which cannot be less than
thirty-five days or so. If the date be put at the
beginning of March as the time when the
Straits Report will be at the disposal of Parlia-
ment it will be quite plain that the International
Conference at Shanghai will have to transact
its business and pursue its investigations
without any access to the conclusions of the
Straits Opium Commission. Is it the intention
of the British Government that the International
Opium Conference at Shanghai shall be denied
access to the Straits Opium Commission
Report? It looks uncommonly like it. And
when we consider that the terms of the King's
Speech very clearly showed that the issue of the
Conference at Shanghai was prejudged by the
Home Government he who would assert that
the publication of the Straits Report is to be
buried not only to keep the Colony out of the
information it has an instant right to, but to
keep the Shanghai Conference in the dark,
would have all the weight of the presumption
on his side. Some men may have been hang-
ing on less evidence than that. It is the
recess at present in the session of the Legisla-
tive Council, but we think that the Unofficial
members should make it their duty to press
upon the Government the extreme urgency that
exists for the immediate publication of the
Commission's Report and the propriety of hav-
ing that placed at the disposal of the Shanghai
Conference at the beginning of its sittings.
Why, we might ask, should Sir Cecil Smith,
a former Governor of this Colony, the chief Brit-
ish delegate to the Shanghai Conference, who
will be passing through Singapore about themiddle of January, be denied access to the
Straits Opium Commission Report except on
the theory that the British Government desire
that their chief representative shall be held in
ignorance of the result of that inquiry whose
considered conclusions should be the indis-
pensable equipment of not only Sir Cecil Smith,
but of every member of the Conference?

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

This English mail of the 28th November was
delivered in London on the 26th inst.The Tanjong Pagar Dock Board have begun
salvage work on the sunken oil steamer
Kalomo.WONG SHUI, a carpenter, was given fourteen
days' hard labour for stealing four candles and
thirty cents, the property of the Dock Co.MR. Brunyate, C. S., who represents the Gov-
ernment of India on the International Opium
Commission, will visit Burma on his way to
Shanghai.ERNEST PLEZ and Thomas Swanson, seamen,
had to pay \$10 each this morning for obstruct-
ing P. C. O'Connor in the execution of his duty
on board the s.s. *Annie Smith* on the 29th inst.CAPT. F. COLSTRUP, master of the s.s. *Annie
Smith*, charged Charles Kelson, Chief Officer
of his ship, with behaving in a disorderly man-
ner while drunk yesterday. Result—Fine of
\$5.FOR keeping a gambling house at No. 1, Fuk
Hing Lane, a Chinaman was fined \$2 at the
Police Court this morning. A similar fine was
imposed on ten others who took part in the
gambling.THERE will be a cricket match between the
Parsons Cricket Club and Lusitano Recreation
Club on Friday (New Year) at 2.00 p.m. sharp
on the former club's ground. The following will
represent L. R. C.:—A. Ribeiro, P. da Rosa,
L. G. Cordeiro, C. Lopes, A. Carvalho,
R. A. Car, R. G. da Silva, F. H. Hyndman,
A. G. Britto, J. M. Castro, and J. A. Baradas.

SPITTING NUISANCE.

JUDICIAL POLICE ORDERS.

In connection with an amendment to the
Minor Offences Ordinance which forbids
spitting in public places, and so forth, instruc-
tions have been issued to the Police, says the
Penny Gazette, forbidding wholesale arrests
for breaches of this offence. Except under
exceptional circumstances, the procedure is to
be, by summons, but the Assistant
Superintendents of Police are not to grant
permission for such summons to be issued
until they have made inquiry and ascertained
that the case is of a sufficiently aggravated
nature to warrant punishment. Only Euro-
pean members of the Police force will as a rule
be allowed to make arrests for this offence.

VOLUNTEER CORPS ORDERS.

ALL UNITS.

Parade.—At headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on
Tuesday, the 5th, and Thursday, the 7th
January, 1909, for infantry drill. Sergt. Downes
will attend.

ARTILLERY UNITS.

Nos. 1 and 2 Companies parade at head-
quarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, the 4th
January, 1909.Nos. 3 and 4 Companies parade at head-
quarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 6th
January, 1909, for company training. Sergt.
Eveleigh, R.G.A., will attend.

TAKOO DETACHMENT.

Parade.—At Takoo at 5.30 p.m. on Thurs-
day, the 7th January, for company training.
Sergt. Eveleigh, R.G.A., will attend.

ENGINEER COMPANY.

Parade.—At West Fort, Kowloon, at 6 p.m.
on Wednesday, the 6th January, 1909, for
technical instructions.

JOINED.

Mr. G. H. Bowker joined the Troop on the
16th instant assigned Troop No. 66 and posted
to the Troop.Mr. R. A. Gowen joined the Corps on the
17th instant assigned Corps No. 1075 and posted
to No. 1 Company.Mr. W. S. Hone joined the Corps on the
17th instant assigned Corps No. 1072 and posted
to No. 1 Company.Mr. W. T. Tipper joined the Corps on the
23rd instant assigned Corps No. 1073 and posted
to the Engineer Company.

RESIGNED.

Sergt. J. H. A. Hance is permitted to resign
on leaving the Colony with effect from the 14th
instant.Gunner H. E. Colvin is permitted to resign
on leaving the Colony with effect from the 15th
instant.Bombardier R. Humphreys is permitted to
resign with effect from the 15th instant.Gunner D. R. Davidson is permitted to resign
with effect from the 15th instant.

NOTICE.

It is notified for information that the under-
mentioned competitions will take place as
follows:—January 22nd, 1909 Sander's Cup.
February 6th, 1909 Blake Shield;
February 17th, 1909 Gascoigne Shield.

ENGINEER COMPANY.

The above company will attend at King's
Park Range for musketry on Saturday, the 2nd,
and Sunday, the 3rd January, 1909, commencing
at 2.30 p.m. and 9.30 a.m. respectively.Members who have not yet completed their
musketry course, are requested to attend.

H.K. VOLUNTEER DANCE.

The above dance will be held on Thursday,
14th January, 1909.Intending subscribers are reminded that all
names with those of guests invited should be
sent in to the hon. secretary at headquarters by
Thursday, 11th December.

The Shatin Tragedy.

SUSPECTED MURDERER ON TRIAL.

THE DOCTOR'S EVIDENCE.

The trial of the alleged murderer of an In-
dian labourer at Shatin on the 18th instant,
particulars of which have already appeared in
our columns, came off before Mr. J. H. Kemp
at the Magistracy this afternoon, when a Chin-
aman—the suspected murderer—was arraigned
on the capital charge. Mr. Leo d'Almada a
Castro, (of Messrs. Golding, Barlow and Mor-
rell) appeared for the defendant.Dr. Hartley was the only one to be called to
the witness-box. He said that he was the
Medical Officer attached to the Kowloon-
Canton Railway, British section. On the 19th
of this month, he was called to a match near
No. 3 tunnel about ten o'clock in the morning.
He was then at Tai-po. He arrived there shortly
after eleven. He found an Indian, whom he
identified as Joo On Singh, lying on a bed
in the match. He was dead. He had two, small,
stab wounds on the head, both wounds
penetrating the skull and causing injuries to
the same. He had another small, stab wound
on the back of the left hand. His left arm
and right leg were covered with bruises,
apparently caused by the limbs being tied.
Similar bruises were also found on the back.
A large extended area was present on the back.
The abdomen was very much swollen,
the whole suggesting that deceased had
received several heavy blows. In his opinion,
death was due to injuries to the abdomen and
the result of shock. The deceased was a man
who suffered from ill-health, his affliction be-
ing chronic bronchitis. So far as witness could
guess, the deceased must have died at
ten o'clock on the previous night. It might
have been earlier. It was impossible to give
the exact time. No post-mortem examination
was held on the body of the deceased.The case was adjourned to Wednesday next,
the 6th instant.

ROWING.

A good deal of interest is being manifested in
the "oared" Scratch Race promoted by the
Victoria Recreation Club to take place on
Saturday afternoon, the 16th January. Six
crews have been selected, to compete in two
heats and some good racing is anticipated as
many of the men have been rowing quite a good
deal of late and are showing very good form.
Quite a few griffins are included in the different
crews, but some good men are expected to
emerge after this race as many of them seem
very keen.The *Leah* is looked upon as the favourite
boat in the first heat, Lammer, having behind
him two very good men in A. H. Carroll and
A. J. Mackie although his bowman, Carvalho,
is rather light. [The *Thistle* carries a very
heavy crew and will have to be reckoned on to
put up a hard fight, as she also can boast of
some good oars.In the second heat, *Alves*, who has a good
all-round crew in Forbes, Lopes and Galluzzi,
should do well, but many rowing men seem to
fancy *Musso's* lot.A few boats were seen out this afternoon but
real training will in all probability commence
after the New Year Holidays when it will
be easier to judge the real merits of the
competitors.

FIRST HEAT.

Thistle.—A. A. Carvalho (Bow)
H. S. Jephson (2)
R. L. Bridger (3)
F. A. Mickintosh (Stroke)
W. J. Carroll (Cox)
Leah.—A. A. Carvalho (Bow)
A. H. Mackie (2)
A. H. Carroll (3)
L. E. Lammer (Stroke)
F. Lammer (Cox)
Rose.—E. T. Bunji (Bow)
F. K. Tala (2)
A. J. V. Ribeiro (3)
H. Rapp (Stroke)
M. E. Ayer (Cox)
SECOND HEAT.Leah.—A. S. Ellis (Bow)
M. A. R. Souza (2)
C. A. Rodrigues (3)
J. D. Niven (Stroke)
A. Crawford (Cox)
Thistle.—R. Galluzzi (Bow)
J. Lopes (2)
J. Forbes (3)
J. A. S. Alves (Stroke)
F. F. E. da Silva (Cox)
Rose.—A. R. Ellis (Bow)
J. Cruickshank (2)
F. da Rosa (3)
L. A. Musso (Stroke)
V. Sorby (Cox).RATS AND SPARROWS IN
DEATH BATTLE.It happened in this way, according to ver-
diction witnesses—not a nature faker among 'em
—who watched from the platform of the Ede
railroad station at Montclair:Nine cock sparrows, were feasting on oats
dropped from a Jerseyman's sack, when an old
gray rat ran out, growled like a dog in the
manager, and got busy on the oats.
The sparrows, after a brief chatter of war
attacked the rat. Two climbed on his
back, while others charged front and flank.
The rat squealed as he was bayoneted by sharp
bills and fought back. He had killed two of
the sparrows, when his cries brought another
rat.The two rats and the seven surviving spar-
rows were having it hot and heavy, when Ted,
the station-rooster, came up with a rattle like
heavy artillery. He struck one rat and laid him
cold. Rat No. 2 fought long enough to kill
two sparrows and retreated. Ted ate up what
remained. Camellias, *Four dead spar-
rows, one dead rat. And there you are—New
York World.*

BELLIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

PRIZE DAY.

In glorious weather, and with a large gather-
ing of ladies and gentlemen assembled in the
main hall of Bellios Public School this after-
noon—the red-letter day for the pupils of the
school—the annual distribution of prizes took
place. Presently at three o'clock Mrs. F. H.
May, accompanied by Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe,
arrived and presided.

THE HEAD MISTRESS' REPORT.

The head mistress's report was to the follow-
ing effect:—There had been only one change
in the staff during the year (one of the junior
mistresses left, to be married) and she was
succeeded by Miss Annie Leabirel. The in-
crease in attendance began in 1907 and was
maintained until May during the plague
epidemic, when the average attendance dropped
suddenly from 131 to 91. In July matters
began to improve and since that the figures
have steadily increased, making an average
for the year of 106.5, as against 108 for the
previous year. The fees received during the
year were \$167 in excess of those for
1907. The amalgamation of the Chinese
and non-Chinese sections of the school in the
beginning of the year has been found to work
admirably. The consequent reduction in the
number of classes made it impossible to
supervise the working of each and the results
show a much greater uniformity in the quality
of the work through all the standards. Of the
five free scholars belonging to the school, one
left to be married, and one has gone to Can-
ton—two vacancies fall to be filled. Besides
these four girls from Grant-in-aid Schools were
awarded a free education, and the progress of
all has been most satisfactory.After many years of inconvenience through
the noise proceeding from carpenters' and
blacksmiths' shops in the immediate neigh-
bourhood, they had at last, thanks to the efforts
of the Inspector of Schools, got rid of the
nuisance and the relief was much appreciated.As in former years, Mr. R. E. Bellios had
generously supplied six handsome volumes as
special prizes for English composition. The
annual examination of the whole school made
by Mrs. E. Tu cher (the headmistress) began
on 8th December and the results were satis-
factory.The Inspector of Schools (Mr. E. D. C.
Wolfe) then read his report which was very
satisfactory. He congratulated Mrs. Tutcher
and Miss Baleman and the assistant teachers
for the good work they had accomplished dur-
ing the year for the efficiency of the school.Mrs. May then presented the prizes, and as
the pupils came up to receive their souvenirs a
kind word was passed to each.After Mrs. May was presented with a
beautiful bouquet, which she most gracefully
accepted, the proceedings terminated with the
singing of the National Anthem.

PRIZE LIST.

Class I.
Mabel Long, history and hygiene.
Mabel Long, geography and map drawing.
Ivy Lee Chooy, general intelligence.
Ivy Lee Chooy, grammar.
Edith Mow Fung, arithmetic.
Edith Mow Fung, composition.
Class II.
Agnes Lee, general intelligence and hygiene.
Agnes Lee, arithmetic.
Lily Rose, composition.
Rose Ablog, grammar.
Rose Ablog, map drawing.
Felicitia Luz, geography.
Felicitia Luz, history.
Mabel Sheffield, improvement.
Class IV.
Mabel Mooney, history.
Mabel Mooney, special for diligence.
Emily Ah Wee, geography.
Angelina Xavier, arithmetic.
May Leabirel, composition.
Class V.
Camilla Collopy, composition.
Wong Tin Tai, history and arithmetic.
Huang Ah Nui, geography.
Class VI.
Shin Tak Hing, composition.
Chan A So, general excellence.
Chan King Chan, general excellence.
Choi San King, general excellence.
Wong Sai Mui, general excellence.
Class VII.
Hon Fu Li, composition.
Hon Fao Ching, general excellence.
Lo Yuh Ching, general excellence.
Fred Silva, general excellence.
Class VIII.
Gladys Woolley.
Rose Tam.
Yee Mui.
Kwok Tsang Kin.
Ye Nui.
Chan Pik Ham.
Leung I Tak.
Mary Toop.
U Yek Ching.
Chu Mi Ching.
Li Yuh Wah.
Chung Kleg Yek.
general excellence.For Chinese Embroidery:—Chan A Yek,
Chan A So, To Yio Fong, and Yee Mui.Study of Chinese:—To Yio Fong, Hung A
Nui, Kwok Tsang Shao, and Chung Cheung
Tsung.The grateful thanks of the teachers and pupils
are due to the following gentlemen, who so
kindly subscribed to the prize fund, and to
Mr. R. E. Bellios for six special prizes given
for excellence in Composition:—Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, Kt., C.M.G., Hon. Dr. Ho
Kai, M.B., C.M.C., Messrs. J. R. M. Smith,
R. Shawan, E. Shellim, W. G. Humphreys, H.
Humphreys, Messrs. Butterfield & Swire,
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Gibb, Livingstone &
Co., Lindsay and Davis, Lane, Crawford &
Co., Johnson, Stokes & Master, Hughes &
Hoogh, Bradley & Co., Melchers & Co.,
Douglas, Lamph & Co., Sun, Wong & Co.,
See Wok & Co., Lau Chu Pak, Tak Cheong,
Ho Fook, Ho Tung, Fung Wa Chan, Chiu Sin
Ki, Lock Hing and C. S. Gubbay.
A handsome volume was presented for good
conduct by Miss Kathleen Seaton, an old
pupil.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

ANARCHIST WANTED.

[From Our Own Correspondent]
Canton, 29th December.
After the two anarchists Got Him and Yim
Kwok Fung were beheaded, the Viceroy issued
a proclamation in which he offered a reward
of \$1,000 for the apprehension of the revolution-
ary leader Tam Fak, alias Tam Mun Ping,
and gave a detailed description of the culprit
to facilitate his identification.

THE "FATHAN" INCIDENT.

In the evening of the 27th instant, a number
of people gathered in the Sam Kok She street
in the Western suburb in Pui Fong to convene
a private meeting to discuss matters in con-
nection with the *Fathman* case. Some of these
present made speeches and others sang Dragon
Boat Songs to describe the facts with a view to
feeling.The people of the 7th ward of the Yau Lan
Street also issued a circular to remind the
public of the *Fathman* incident and call for
joint action in the case.The people of the clan Ho of the village in
Sha Wan to which the deceased belonged, have
written to the Canton Self-Government Society
in strong terms to induce its members to take
measures to boycott the steamer *Fathman*.

ANOTHER ROBBERY.

On the 24th instant, eight houses in all were
ransacked in the Tai Sha Shum Hong village
in Nanshui by a gang of robbers. The booty
carried away by the brigands is estimated to
be of a value of several thousand dollars.

OFFICIAL RECEPTION OF JAPANESE.

This morning at 10 a.m., H. E. Viceroy
Chang Jen-chun received the Japanese Consul
and five Japanese officers who came to Canton
on a visit.

FIRE.

A fire occurred on the 27th instant at 6 p.m.
in Tin Yuen street. The conflagration burnt
down one house and slightly damaged two
others.

THE YUNNAN GARRISON.

A sum of 100,000 taels has been remitted to
Yunnan towards the funds for the maintenance
of the Imperial troops in that province by the
Canton Government. This sum is to be treated
as a loan to be refunded later.

EUROPEAN DROWNED.

TERRIBLE STRUGGLE IN LAGOON AT
TANJONG PAGAR.Mr. James Alexander Moir, till recently
engineer on Messrs. Wee Bin and Company's
steamer *Hong Wan*, met his death by drown-
ing in the East Lagoon, Tanjong Pagar, on
Tuesday night, reports the *Straits Times* of 24th
inst. It was at first feared that he might have
met with foul play, as there was a cut on the
head which, observed superficially, seemed of
a serious nature, but medical investigation has
shown that the cause of death was drowning,
the bruises and scratches on the body not
being of a dangerous character.The deceased was staying at the Boustead
Institute pending his getting another berth,
having temporarily filled a vacancy on the
Hong Wan, and was to have joined the
Ayala, yesterday. He was last seen alive
in Anson Road, at about 8 o'clock, on Tuesday
night, when he appeared to be acting strangely.As about 1 p.m. yesterday, an officer on the
German yacht *Delphin*, which lay adjacent to
the lagoon, saw the body floating in the water,
and it was brought to the shore and secured.
The Dock Police were notified and the body
was removed to the General Hospital. Decas-
ed had on a shirt and a dark coat, but his
trousers were missing, though his shoes and
socks were intact. In his coat were found his
gold watch and chain, a sovereign and a quantity
of silver change. There were bruises on the head,
and the skin was scraped off the knees, the latter
bruises seeming to indicate that he had made
desperate efforts to climb the stone wall which
surrounds the lagoon. The bottom is in places
muddy to a great depth, but around the edges
there are numerous rocks. It is presumed that
deceased was walking along the road to the
East Wharf, which he had sought to do, as
it is Dock property and fell into the lagoon,
striking his head on the rocks. Then he prob-
ably got engulfed in the mud, where he lost
his trousers and, being much weakened by
rheumatism, from which he was a great sufferer,
he was unable to scale the wall and get out.
His watch stopped at 10.10 o'clock, on Tues-
day night, presumably. There are not many
people in the neighbourhood, at that hour, and
his cries for assistance might easily have es-
caped the ears of anyone, unless he had hap-
pened to have fallen in the part nearest the
wharves. The police do not favour any theory
of foul play.Mr. Moir was a native of Aberdeen, and
about 35 years of age. So far as is known yet,
he has no relatives here.There will be a Coroner's inquest at the
General Hospital at 3 p.m. to-day.

"SINGAPORE, A FREE PORT?"

A correspondent writes:—"The American
bargentine *Joe L. Holston*, built in 1900, came
down to Singapore from Peking to be repaired,
having suffered damage to her keel and stem.
Her owners sent Capt. L. Bonache from San
Francisco to see the work done, and then char-
ter the vessel. Capt. Bonache made all arrange-
ments for the repairs with the Tanjong Pagar
Board, but on finding the vessel after being re-
paired, could not get a license of clearance to
ward, Conference forbidden, all of it, and
graphed the state of affairs to his owners. He
received the answer: "Sell the vessel at any
price." Thus Singapore has lost a \$10,000 to
\$20,000 job. And will how many

Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

THE WAIWUPU.

A BUSY DEPARTMENT.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 29th December.

The Waiwupu has eighty-four cases of great importance with Foreign Powers still pending and awaiting settlement.

The prince Regent has urged Yuan Shih-kai to settle them as soon as possible.

NAVAL REORGANISATION.

AMERICAN SUGGESTION.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 29th December.

The United States Minister in Peking has strongly recommended the Central Government to arrive at an early decision in respect of the naval reorganisation scheme.

Mr. Rockhill suggests that the construction of naval bases and the building of warships may be taken in hand by degree.

ARMY ESTIMATES.

SIXTY MILLION TAHS ANNUALLY.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 29th December.

The Ministry of War estimates the cost of the Army at sixty million taels annually.

It is proposed that this expenditure be defrayed by the various Provinces.

PRISON SYSTEM.

REFORMS TO BE INTRODUCED.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."] Peking, 29th December.

It is proposed by the Central Government to issue instructions to the Viceroy and Governors of various Provinces to send subordinate officials abroad to study the prison system obtaining in foreign countries, with a view of, in time, introducing reforms in the system in China.

[Reuter's.]

Russia.

LONDON, 28th December.

Numerous arrests of Revolutionaries have been made in St. Petersburg.

Count Ivol'sky's speech has made a favourable impression in official circles in Vienna.

Later.

Obituary.

The death of Mr. Claus Spreckles, the "Sugar King," is announced, in San Francisco.

The estate is estimated at £10,000,000.

Earthquake in Italy.

An earthquake has occurred in the province of Calabria, and a tidal wave in Sicily. The damage is enormous and the victims many.

N. D. I. HUNTERFISH.

COALING STATION IN KOH-SI-CHANG.

About two years ago or more Messrs. the North German Lloyd established a coaling station, for supply of coal to the company's vessels, at Koh-si-Chang. Two hulks were provided and anchored for the purpose at Koh-si-Chang. This coaling station took this form for two reasons: one was for facilitating the coaling of steamers which could go alongside the hulks to coal, and another reason was that two anchorages have to be used by ships coaling or loading outside, according to the change of the monsoon. One anchorage was at Koh-si-Chang, and the other at Angbin. These hulks could be towed and anchored at either station according as the necessity arose.

It was estimated at the time the station was established that a saving could be effected by the company by reason of the fact that German vessels could load in Bangkok 200 tons of cargo more and be able to cross the bar when ships entered the river with bunkers provided with sufficient coal only to take a ship as far as an outer anchorage. These vessels had in any case to complete cargoes at one of these outer anchorages and they could at the same time take in coal sufficient for completion of the voyage.

This arrangement has, however, not produced the success anticipated and we understand that the Company have now decided to give up the coal bulks from the beginning of the next year and return to the former methods of taking sufficient coal at Singapore or Hongkong, for the voyage, backwards and forwards—*from* *Chong*.

"SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST" LIMITED.

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The sixth annual ordinary general meeting of the "South China Morning Post," Limited, was held in the offices of Dr. Noble, at Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on Wednesday, at 11.30 a.m., when there were present Dr. J. W. Noble (chairman), Mr. J. Scott Harston (director), Mr. Geo. T. Lloyd (general manager and editor), Messrs T. Petrie, E. B. Ayres, J. McCubbin, and E. W. Terry.

Gentlemen.—The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days, I will with your permission take them as read. I have nothing to add to that which is embodied therein, as the figures set forth fully explain the position of the Company. I will however take this opportunity to say that you as shareholders are not doing your duty by the Company or to yourselves as stakeholders in the concern. You won't even attend our annual meetings and express your views as to the management, incense or otherwise, whilst during the year you exhibit the same apathetic spirit, not lifting a finger, to aid in the direction, or to advance the interests, of your own property. If it be your desire that your property should increase in value you should all help at least a little—good years are not due to luck but are the result of constant work and hard work too, and you should all bear your share of the burden. In addition to giving you the news which may be current from day to day, the policy of your paper will in the future continue to be one which in the opinion of the management will result in the greatest good to the greatest number. It is interesting to note the change that is gradually taking place in the attitude of the Chinese mind toward the press. It furnishes food for thought and gives rise to much conjecture and speculation. It would surprise you greatly if you knew to what extent our editorial rooms are from time to time furnished with excellent copy of Chinese origin, a recent communication ending with: "Three cheers for Old China and the power of the press." That the Chinese should be so attracted is gratifying to the management, showing as it does a keen appreciation of your paper, in a quarter from whence such or any approbation is unlooked for. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts I will be pleased to answer any questions you may ask. There being no questions, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

Mr. J. McCubbin seconded.

Carried.

Mr. T. Petrie proposed the re-election of Dr. J. W. Noble and Messrs. G. G. Moxon and J. Scott Harston as directors for the year ending 31st August, 1909.

Mr. E. B. Ayres seconded.

Carried.

The Chairman: That is all the business, gentlemen; thank you for your attention. I am sorry I cannot say dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.

THE LATE HON. MR. H. C. NICOLLE.

Ceylon papers announce with great regret the death of Mr. H. C. Nicolle, Colonial Treasurer of Ceylon, which took place in the Planters' Ward of the General Hospital at 3.30 a.m., on Dec. 21th, after a short illness. The cause of death was enteric fever. These are the details of Mr. Nicolle's official career:—

The late Mr. Nicolle was born on Sept. 15, 1855. He was, therefore, just a little over 53 years of age. He was Assistant Auditor, Cyprus, from February, 1880, and Auditor-General in 1883. He was British Delegate of Eucaf, in addition to his other duties, from June, 1886 and was appointed Local Auditor, Hongkong, in Jan. 1890. Early in 1904, during the administration of Sir Henry Blake, Mr. Nicolle's services were loaned to the Ceylon Government for three months to perfect a new system of accounts, by which the Auditor-General's Department was to be relieved of the work of keeping accounts by the Treasurer. Towards the end of May, the Hon. Mr. H. C. Nicolle retired from the Treasury and left for England. Mr. Nicolle was appointed Treasurer and Commissioner of Stamps and Chief Commissioner of the Loan Board. In the interval Mr. Nicolle had returned for a term to Hongkong. His appointment to the Treasury of Ceylon came as a disappointment to the Civil Service, one of whose prizes it had been; but the Service was compensated by the Auditor-Generalship being made a staff appointment. Mr. Nicolle soon began to lay the foundations of a new and simpler system of accounts in the Treasury, so that within a short time of his arrival Sir Henry Blake was able to lay before the Legislative Council a clear and comprehensive statement of the Colony's finances.

With the advent of Sir Henry McCulloch there was another re-adjustment of the accounts in order that His Excellency's new schemes of public works might be presented to the Secretary of State for sanction with all the confidence that a thorough knowledge of the Colony's finances inspires. In Mr. Nicolle, Sir Henry McCulloch found an able adviser and a willing and hard-working co-adjutor. He attended his last meeting of the Legislative Council on October 29th. A commanding figure, of perennial cheerfulness and always the picture of rude health, no one who knew him or used to see him or meet him in the course of business expected to hear of his death so soon. A good man gone, will be the universal verdict, and a public service the poorer for the loss of his brilliant talents.

Messrs. Cross and Blackwell had the honour of being appointed Members of the International Jury making the Awards at the Franco-British Exhibition, and their goods were in consequence more concourse (Raymond Co. petition).

A COLONIAL GOVERNOR'S DAILY GRIND.

BY AN EX-AD.C. IN "THE IMPERIAL REVIEW."

No harder-worked servant of the Empire is to be found than the Colonial Governor who takes seriously his multifarious duties. And besides those routine duties of the day's work there also devolves upon His Excellency the responsibility of maintaining England's prestige with the naval and other visiting representatives of foreign nations, a task which, tacitly performed, is hardly in its way less valuable than the heroic deeds of our soldiers, merchant adventurers, and scientific pioneers by which our daughter States were originally won to Britain. Now and again, as in the instance the other day of Sir Alexander Swetnam and the Yankee admiral, regrettable incidents have occurred in this connection, but considering the enormous extent of our overseas dominions, they have been wonderfully few in number. All things considered, the Britisher who has lived under the Union Jack abroad, or who in pursuit of business, pleasure, or of sunshine and health has voyaged afar, is not indisposed to rank our Colonial Administrators as members of a very fine type of the governing caste. They are recruited from many sorts and conditions of our countrymen, but always nowadays, with an eye to securing a man who, while not afraid of assuming supreme responsibility at a moment of crisis, may be trusted to possess the most desirable faculty of apparently leading an obsequious team of unofficial members of his Legislative Council when he is really doing some very pretty driving. This House of Lords and Commons have given not a few of their best members to the service of Colonial Administration. Mr. Adam and Fowell Buxton, from Government or Opposition Whips in the Lower Chamber, went out to Madras and Australia as Governors and naturally did well as good organizers. Dufferin, from the diplomatic service, was an instant success with the diplomatic French-Canadians; Hemming and Sidney Oliver as ex-Colonial Office Chief Clerks have brought to bear on a range of complicated problems in Jamaica a ripe experience gathered at the headquarters of our Colonial Empire; and Lugard, now at Hongkong, is giving that most important of our Far Eastern possessions the benefit of his unique knowledge of Oriental people.

Let us glance at the day's life of one of these able men whose Excellency stands for His Majesty's, for in the Colonies the Governor's ancient prestige is even in these democratic days undiminished. The National Anthem halts his arrival when he appears at any public function, the scarlet livery of Royalty is his privilege, and the Royal Standard floats over Government House, whether it be a galvanized iron morgue in West Africa or a stately pile in Western Australia. Soon after sunrise the Governor, accompanied by his A.D.C., takes a half hour's ride for the double purpose of enjoying the health-giving cool air of the morning and inspecting any public works that happen to be in progress in a convenient radius.

On his return he must generally find the Colonial Secretary waiting to consult him. Some cipher cable may have come in from Downing Street announcing foreign annexation designs on an adjacent territory, or mayhap a native rising may have arisen in some out-station, or an official has betrayed too great an addiction for strong cocktails, and measures have to be taken for providing for his enforced leave. From early morn to dewy eve, when the sun goes out like a blown-out gas-jet, a Governor is bombarded with a variety of subjects, urgent or otherwise. For, despite such "buffers" between him and the rest of the official hierarchy, the "otherwise" will every day of his tour of service contrive to intrude themselves. For it is the keynote of our system of Colonial Administration that every minor official must report everything that happens under him to his superior, so in the end the matter, even of the provision of ropes for the execution of condemned convicts, drifts upon the form of an awe-inspiring minute paper to his much-battered Excellency.

Then he has to preside over the local Legislative Assembly; also he must be in intimate touch with all the important interests of his Colony. Several times during every week of the year he must face deputations dealing with the most varied of topics, and he must previously coach up every lineal and financial detail of the matter involved. The days are gone by when Colonists will tolerate a Governor utter platitudes inspired by a callow A. D. C. Now he must show an intelligent appreciation of the matter in hand or he will bear of it in the unofficial organs of the local Press—aye, so will the Secretary of State at home in Downing Street.

At least twice a year he must make a grand tour of his realm, for, in the Crown Colonies and Protectorates especially, the people are always clamouring to appeal to Caesar in person. Then the social life of an outpost of Empire is exacting if not—had almost written—stressful. At Government House there is usually a weekly "at home," and there are semi-official dinner parties twice a week. When the numerous gentlemen who sport the order of the two militant saints have botanized themselves to their buggies, His Excellency has very often to settle down to a couple of hours' correspondence, many of its subjects being merely frivolous, yet—and there is the deuce of it—all, of bad, good, and fair "mild-mannered" has to go on its corpse armed with His Excellency's initials. The last minute paper perused, it is a very hot, tired, but eminently human, long-forgiving person who gnaps down a tonic water and whisky and seeks his much-needed slumber.

For being on board the *Ande Smilla* without the permission of the master or other officer in charge of the ship, James Reid, an unemployed seaman, was fined £10 at the Police Court this morning.

THE RAU AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LTD.

The General Manager's report for the 4 weeks ending Dec. 5, 1908, says:—

The mine measurements and assay returns of prospecting work shows a total of 1,076ft. for the period (4 weeks) under review, made up of 46ft. sinking, 166ft. driving, 539ft. cross-cutting and 345ft. of prospecting work as against 933ft. for the previous four weeks.

MINES.

Koman, 540ft. Level, Drive South.—This has been driven 9ft., bringing the total to 89ft. The lode 46in. wide, gives a value of 5dwt.

540ft. Level, Drive North.—Here 13ft. has been driven, making a total of 41ft. The end is very low grade.

540ft. Level, Drive South on Hanging Wall Portion.—This has been extended 8ft., bringing the total to 154ft. The lode 42in. wide is worth 3dwt.

440ft. Level, Drive South.—This has been advanced 15ft., making the total 494ft. The lode has widened to 42in. and is worth 3dwt.

440ft. Level, Drive South in Slope.—To this has been added 6ft., making a total of 97ft. The lode 46in. wide, assays 6dwt.

Crosscutting for Slope-filling.—38ft. Slopes.—Above the 440ft. Level, 2 slopes; lode 12in. wide and worth 6dwt.

Above the 540ft. level, 3 slopes; lode 8in. wide and worth 3dwt.

Above the 240ft. level, 1 slope; lode 77in. wide and worth 4dwt.

STONE MINE.

160ft. Level, Drive South.—This has been taken from 884ft. to 912ft. on a lode 12in. wide and worth 14dwt. per ton.

In the back of this level two slopes have been worked on a lode 82in. wide and worth 12 dwt.

Crosscutting for Slope-filling.—187ft. 60ft. Level, Drive South.—At about 200ft. from the shaft a winze is being put down to communicate with the slope below; 21ft. has been sunk on a lode 10in. wide, worth 9dwt. per ton.

ANDERSON SHAFT.

This has been sunk 25ft., making a total depth of 210ft. The ground is considerably harder and the water is decreasing slightly in quantity.

BUKIT MALACCA.

No. 1 Level South of No. 1 Shaft.—This has been driven 12ft., making a total of 355 feet. The lode 49in. wide gives 5½ dwt. per ton.

No. 2 Level, South.—From a crosscut, East drives have been taken 33 and 34ft., respectively, to the North and South on stone 42in. wide, worth 4 dwt. per ton.

From a crosscut West a drive has been taken, 50ft., South on a branch 45in. wide, worth 4½ dwt.

Stopes.—Two have been in operation on a lode 49in. wide, worth 4½ dwt.

Crosscutting for Slope-filling.—24ft. surface prospecting work, 34ft.

General.—The station on the 540 ft. level in Koman is being enlarged to accommodate a larger pump preparatory to sinking the shaft.

From the Wilfley tables 24,955 tons of concentrates have been recovered, worth £95,000. The mill returns for 4 weeks ending 5th December, 1908:—

KOMAN.

Stamps: 40, ran 28 days less 1,125 days for clean up and repairs.

Huntington Mill ran 28 days less 5.16 days for clean up and repairs.

Ore Crushed: Koman 1,801 Stope 1,889

Total 3,690 tons.

Amalgam Collected 2,495 ozs. producing Retorted Gold 897 " Smelted Gold 885.55 ozs. Average yield 4.55 dwt.

value of tailings .64 " BUKIT MALACCA.

No. I Mill ran 24½ days crushing 1,893 tons of surface ore and 238 tons Miso ore.

Total crushed 2,131 tons.

Amalgam Collected 366 ozs. producing Retorted Gold 144 " Smelted Gold 142 " Average yield per ton 1.75 dwt.

TOTAL—Tons 6,031.

Amalgam 2,861.

Smelted Gold 2,075.55 ozs.

Average Fineness 900.630 ozs.

Yield 3.41 dwt.

W. H. MARTIN, General Manager.

OPUM QUESTION.

STRAITS REPORT.

It is now estimated that about a month will be required for the printing of vol. III. of the Straits Opium Commission Report, which contains the summary of evidence.

Vol. I (the Report) is in type and the necessary copies could be struck off in a very short time.

If no publication is to take place until volumes I and II are available for simultaneous issue in London, the report cannot be in the hands of the Commissioners appointed to attend the Conference at Shanghai, which meets at the beginning of February.

This is considered extremely unfortunate, as the report is understood to contain valuable information and suggestions which might be helpful to the Conference in dealing with the questions which will come before it. *—Straits Times.*

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CHALLENGE SHIELD COMPETITION.

A meeting will be held on the 4th prox. to discuss matters in connection with the forthcoming competition.

Teams wishing to compete are requested to send a representative to the meeting, which will take place at the offices of Messrs. S. J. David & Co., Prince's Building, 107, 108, & 109, Market Street.

Today's Advertisements.

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE is hereby given that all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 1st and 2nd prox., respectively.

(By Order,

A. R. LOWE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1908. [1113]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

ON

TUESDAY,

the 5th January, 1909, at 2.30 P.M., at their

Sale Rooms, No. 3, Des Vaux Road,

corner of Ice House Street,

SUNDRY VALUABLE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising—

SILK TAPESTRY-COVERED DRAW-

ING ROOM SUITE, TEAKWOOD WARD-

ROBES with BEVELLED GLASS MAR-

BLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, DINNER

WAGGONS, Single and Double IRON

BEDSTADS and BEDDING, CROCK-

ERY, GLASS and E.P. WARE, CARPETS,

RUGS, PICTURES, CANTON CARVED

BLACKWOOD WARE, COOKING STOVE

and UTENSILS, &c., &c.;

ALSO

One COTTAGE PIANO by The Robinson

Piano Co.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1908. [1114]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

STEAM FOR

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND

YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"PRINZ EITEL-FRIEDRICH,"

Captain E. Malchow, will leave for the above

places TO-MORROW, the 31st inst., at Noon.

For further particulars, apply to

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,

MELCHERS & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1908. [1115]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIYANG,"

Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the

above Ports on TUESDAY, the 5th Jan,

1909, at 12 o'clock Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1908. [1115]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "SURUGA,"

FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that

all Goods are being landed at their

risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and

Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at

Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves

delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-

ing undelivered after the 6th January will be

subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-

sented to the Undersigned, or on or before the

30th January, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are

to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

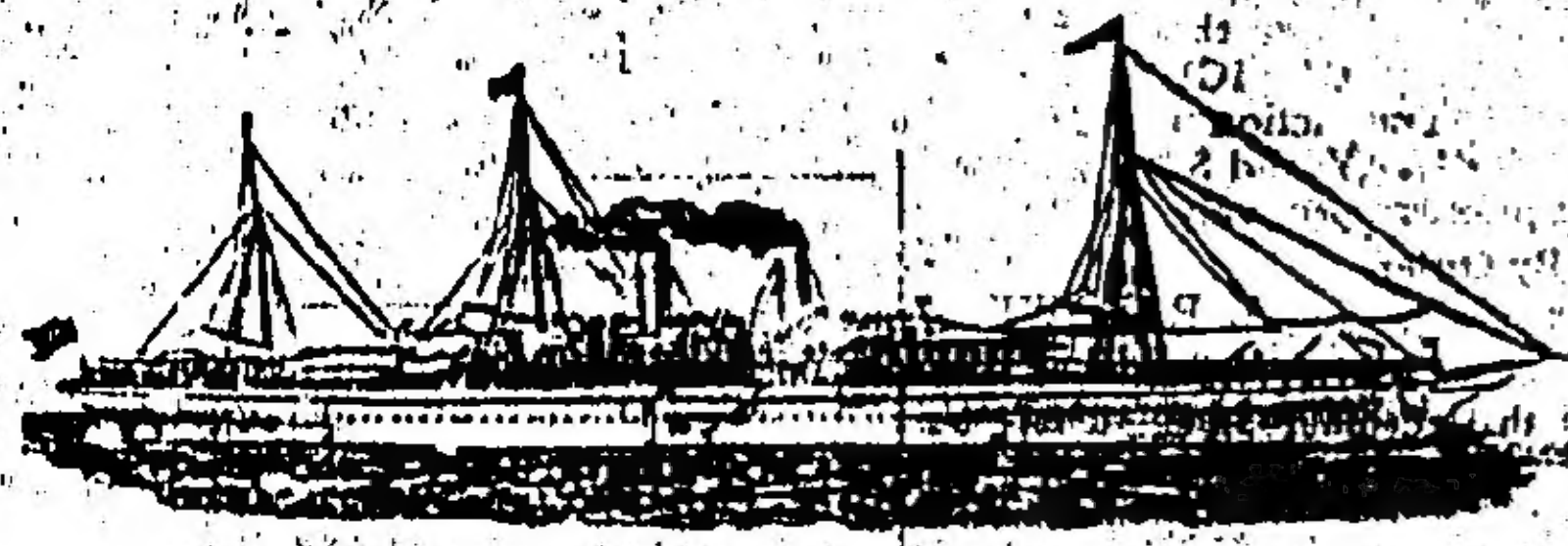
examined on the 6th January, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

Shipping—Steamers.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.



Luxury—Speed—Functuality.

The only Line that maintains a Regular Schedule of service of under 12 Days across the Pacific is the "Empress Line." Saving 5 to 10 Days Ocean Travel.

13 Days YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER. 21 Days HONGKONG to VANCOUVER.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.	Tons	LEAVE HONGKONG	ARRIVE VANCOUVER
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	SATURDAY, Jan. 16th	Feb. 5th, 1909.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000	SATURDAY, Feb. 13th	March 5th
"MONTEAGLE"	6,163	TUESDAY, Mar. 2nd	Mar. 26th
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000	SATURDAY, Mar. 13th	April 5th
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	SATURDAY, April 10th	April 30th
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000	SATURDAY, May 1st	May 22nd

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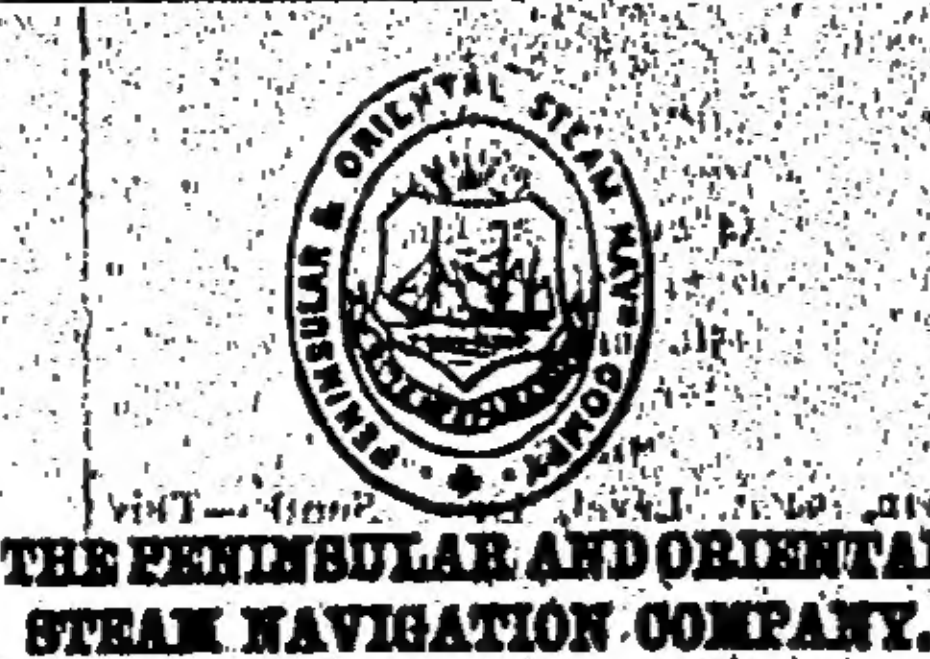
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